

Take every precaution against fire. The Pacific Coast loss of late from this destructive element is appalling. Beginning with Seattle, Vancouver, also on Puget Sound, Durango, Col.; Hailey, Idaho; Qujiotas, N. M.; Reno, Nev., with a second fire at Reno on the 6th inst. have all suffered severely, and the Tribune received Thursday contains news obtained there by private dispatch stating that the Eureka Con. Smelting Works at Eureka, Nevada, were destroyed. We have excellent facilities for fighting fire, but don't take unnecessary chances with the fiend on that account. Clear backyards and streets of all inflammable material, and see that stove-pipe connections are all right. High winds frequently break the fastenings.

At the public sale last Monday of the 6 lots at the corner of Main and Meadow Valley Sts., bidding was more general than was expected, and the property brought a comparatively good figure. The question of selling the lots separately or in one parcel was considered and it was finally put up as a whole. Joseph Cook displayed the most nerve and the property was knocked down to him at \$321. Two frame buildings stand on the ground and one of them was rented the day following the sale.

Mr. August Werner arrived Wednesday from Leadville, Col., to assume charge of the erection and working of the smelting furnace about to be put up at the Reduction Works here. Mr. Werner, for six years past, has had charge of extensive smelting works at Leadville, where he has successfully worked rebellious ores, etc., and from a view of the situation anticipates no difficulty in the way of successful working here.

Frank Bangurs tells us that while sleeping off the effects of a jamboree under the starry sky the night of the 4th, somebody relieved his pockets of about \$5 in silver. Before he was thoroughly awake another fellow came along and also began a search of his pockets which so amused Frank that he let loose a volley of expletives, telling the fellow that he was too late, upon which he took to his heels.

Rev. Mr. Danner, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and who is travelling through this section, held divine services at the Episcopal Church last Sunday evening. The congregation was of good size and an interesting and instructive sermon was delivered.

Last Monday evening James Giles and Miss Libby Tomlinson were married by Rev. W. W. Danner, a few friends only being present. The youthful band favored the couple with a charivari in the evening and were bought off as usual with a supply of candy.

Messrs W. L. and J. R. Cook have purchased the building on Main St., adjoining the Jacobs and Sultan stone building on the south, and will convert it into a butcher shop. The work of fitting it up is now going on.

The old San Jose House is to be again opened for public patronage, under the management of Mrs. P. F. Taylor. The whole building will be renovated, the work of which began yesterday, F. W. Dickie having the contract.

Last month it was the picnic and this month the 4th demonstration which, occurring immediately before pay day, tamed the boys down somewhat, and made the pay day pass off more quietly than is usual.

The Quadrille Band took in \$112 at the Ball on the evening of the 4th. A larger sum by far than has been received here for years at a similar amusement, and a good indication of improved times.

The Board of County Commissioners held a special meeting Tuesday evening, to ratify the sale of the corner lots and order the execution of a deed by the county Treasurer.

Napoleon Dupont notifies the public in this issue that he is prepared to carry messengers, etc., in good shape over the Picoe and Taylor stage line. See his advertisement.

Another influx of strangers is noticeable. Several parties arrived from Taylor during the week and strange faces are frequently seen.

A plaid shall was left in the dressing room at Brown's Hall on the 4th. It can now be found at this office.

A good four horse team and wagons are offered for sale by Fang Yuen. See the notice elsewhere.

M. Cohen arrived from Ely Wednesday and will open a tailor shop on Main Street.

ADDRESS OF W. S. GODBE AT THE EXERCISES ON JULY 4TH.

Following is a portion—all we are able to obtain—of the oration delivered by W. S. Godbe at the exercises on the 4th inst. The gentleman was given but 40 minutes in which to prepare his address, but for the delivery of which the exercises would have dragged heavily, and we think it reflects great credit on Mr. Godbe's ability to adapt himself on short notice to the situation surrounding him.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: This is indeed an auspicious occasion! The 113th anniversary of American Independence has come, and we have met in this beautiful chamber of the mountains to celebrate it. Not with vanity, self love, or boasting, should we assemble to commemorate so glorious an event, but with breasts aglow with patriotism, and hearts full of gratitude to Almighty God, impressed withal by an earnest desire to appreciate the blessings of civil liberty, to the end that we may discharge our duties better as citizens of this grand Republic.

What, it may be asked, is the basis of true patriotism? Does it consist in the vast extent and unprecedented richness of our country, with its sixty millions of inhabitants; or is it to be found in our strength of arms and extraordinary power of preservation or defense? The answer is, by no means. These undoubtedly are important factors in their way, but we must look higher for the source and sustaining power of the patriotism that is destined to secure to the perpetuation of our free institutions.

Nations have arisen and conquered the world by force, time and again, but they could not endure. History is filled with their conquests, their rise and fall, their birth and death. Why then, may not history repeat itself with us, as some do not hesitate to predict? It is because this government is the first one that rests wholly upon the principle of equal human rights; a government of the people, for the people, and by the people. All other governments have been conceived in ambition, born in blood, and maintained by brute force, and for the most part are so maintained at the present time. Verily, it is a sublime truth that underlies and gives stability to our institutions; namely, the inherent right of man to be free. He came from the same Divine source, endures the same trials, and goes to the same inevitable beyond.

But let us not be unduly elated at the mere enunciation of this principle, glorious as it is, for it was not born to the world for the first time in 1776, but is as eternal as truth itself. The perpetuation of our Republican institutions in their integrity depends not upon the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, or the sublime heroism and bravery of its founders; but must rest absolutely on the patriotism, goodness and intelligence of the people themselves. From them the principle of human equality must find deep response, and in their inmost hearts, its resting place must be found.

Yet more than patriotism in its accepted sense is wanted from the American people; for it is not to us only that this country, with its superb vastness of domain, and inexhaustible wealth, has been bequeathed as an everlasting inheritance, but to the whole human race. Upon us, then, my fellow citizens, is imposed the responsibility of this sacred trust. This fair land, with its ten thousand temples dedicated to freedom, with its historic page already bright with the record of unprecedented achievement, is ours, to mould and influence for the present only, then to be transmitted, bequeathed and enriched, to those who shall follow in our wake, and take up the charge when we, bent with age, and wearied with toil, can carry it no longer. In the light of this idea, what tongue can tell, what mind can grasp, the Divine significance of this government of man, by man, and for man's eternal uplifting!

Ascending to the loftiest heights of patriotism, let us not stop there, but continue upward and onward until our clarified visions shall behold from afar all nations and all peoples, and awakening to a realization of the truth that they, too, are our kin, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; then will our hearts expand, and yearn for their emancipation, and if need be, we will make bare our arms to strike loose the shackles with which they are bound; and when that day shall come, my friends, the questions that of times engender bitterness and hate, shall be no more forever; for mere politics will give place to high statesmanship, and personal ambition will be absorbed in the desire to work only for the best good of all.

In the light of this ennobling, soul stirring thought, what does this occasion teach—what in us does it most inspire? It means in the deepest sense responsi-

bility; each one of us is the recipient of a solemn trust, for the faithful discharge of which, we are alike accountable to God and man. As we have inherited the past with all the blood earned treasures of the ages, so will the future receive from our hands what we in turn shall have to transmit; for such is Divine order, as manifested in human affairs. A truce then to vain glorification and idle boasting, and all that bears the mark of selfishness, even in a National sense, and seek to rise to the full dignity of American citizenship, and to the realization of that gratitude and humility that ever comes with the sense of true greatness. Then perchance, we may hope to become not only better citizens but better men, discharging our duties as such in all the varied relations of life, with greater fidelity, in the faith that despite the ills to which all flesh is heir, all is yet well, and that peace, prosperity, and National greatness, shall be our inheritance through all coming time.

Ah! yes, but says our brother of the pick and drill, how little have I in common with these soul-inspiring themes, and the great movements that mark the age, and that are so big with promise to future generations? Dismiss this thought from your mind at once for it is not worthy of you. Yours is indeed a most important part in the complex machinery of the world, for it underlies civilization itself. Creators of wealth are you in the truest sense, and pioneers in the path of the world's progress, and your work is of such a kind that it cannot be dispensed with. Do not, then, for one moment underrate the wisdom of your chosen occupation, but try to realize its utility and far reaching significance. Others are absorbed in building railroads, opening new territory, and generally in developing the mighty resources of this marvelous country. But to us is entrusted the uncovering of Nature's hidden treasures of gold silver and other precious things, that have slept in silent darkness through all the uncounted centuries behind us. Let us therefore accept our share of the great responsibility with becoming grace and spirit, seeking to discharge it with stout hearts and willing hands, for even now the cry is heard from afar—from those beyond the seas—make haste to save us ere we perish; prepare the way that we may come quickly; for our burdens have grown heavy, and are too grievous to be much longer borne.

Yes, my friends, we are indeed engaged in an ennobling and not a degrading pursuit; one in which we come not in competition, as others do, but by our strong hands, give to the world that which it must have, as long as civilization shall last, and, despite the darkness, the danger and the toil, we shall find in the end compensation for it all in the sweet assurance that, although circumscribed as all human effort must be, that our lives have been neither barren nor unfruitful, and that we have built better than we knew.

Such, in brief, my fellow citizens, are some of the thoughts inspired by this, the present anniversary of our God given American Independence.

The work of repairing the big pump at the Raymond shaft is practically finished and it is expected to start work during the coming week. The principal work going on about it now is bracing the column and attending to minor matters generally. Work on the boilers, new and old, is also about finished, insuring an abundant supply of steam, and we hope next week to be able to report the pump as successfully at work.

Owing to the failure of some to contribute, the Executive committee of the 4th of July celebration deferred making a report until after pay-day, thus affording all delinquents an opportunity to pay in their contributions. This is about done and the committee will meet this evening at the Record office to finish up the business. All parties having bills will please hand them in to the Secretary W. J. Dooley, to-day.

List of letters remaining uncalled for, in the Picoe postoffice, July 10, 1889.
Bentley W. H. Carter W. J.
Dine H. Day Wm. W.
Eoff Alfred Elwin William
Gedling William Lowe Harry
O'Neil H. Riordan John
Woodard George 2

Parties calling for the above letters, will please say advertised.

The material composing the new 40 ton smelter lies at Milford awaiting shipment. Teams to haul about one half the stuff have been secured and it may begin to arrive next week.

Nesbitt Bros. and J. Eisenmann received heavy shipments of freight during the week and both houses have more goods on the way.

COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Business Transacted During the Week Ending July 11, 1889.

Mine: Hector claim, Yellow Pine district, located January 4, 1889, by Dan'l McNamara and W. R. Sloan.

Mine: Silver Cliff claim, Patterson district, located June 14, by Antonio Bondi.

Mine: Evergreen claim, Ely district, located June 17, by C. Norton and J. A. Nesbitt.

Spring: Ralfor Spring, on the West side of Patterson range of mountains, located June 17 by J. N. Lanter.

Mine: Sedan claim, Bristol district, located June 6, by Louis Wumch.

Spring: Big Spring, west of Cave Valley, located May 20, by Geo. D. Haggerty.

Deed: C. H. Patchen to John Claffin and W. S. Godbe, dated July 2, 1889, conveys the Gold, Silver, Greenback and Curriey mining claims, Ely district, consideration \$8,000.

Deed: E. D. Turner, Sheriff to John Savor, dated June 27, conveys the Mayflower mine, Bristol district, under sale for mechanics lien, consideration \$734 06.

Deed: James McFadden to W. S. Godbe and John Claffin, dated June 28, conveys undivided half interest in the Floral mill, consideration \$1,250.

Gen. Warren, at the Union Meat Market, has put in his shop a set of new "blocks" ready to meet his increasing custom. The meat supply will keep pace with other improvements, and the best meats obtainable furnished to patrons.

During the march on the 4th, Henry Tracy lost a locket which he was wearing as a watch charm. The finder will oblige by leaving the article at this office.

Mrs. Pierson at the Bank Exchange Restaurant will set an extra dinner tomorrow, Sunday. The new patent ice cream freezer will be put in operation.

THE 4TH IN PARRANAGAT.

Ed. Record: It may be interesting to some of the many readers of the Record, to know how the citizens of this far off oasis spent the greatest of all national holidays. From the fact of its isolation from the great body of mankind the day was not ushered in by the booming cannon or the thrilling discords of a military band. Nature in all her loveliness ushered in the day bright and warm, and the great majority of the people of this valley arose early and made hasty preparations to meet at the residence of the Mackey Bros., and by 10 o'clock A. M. the great majority of the denizens of the settlement had gathered under the cool shades surrounding the residence of said Bros. The gathering being an impromptu one and no order of proceedings being previously arranged, each was left to follow out his own inclination. The young men being full of patriotism, health, strength and vigor, began by a test of fleetness and activity and a few hours were spent in these sports. Then it was thought proper to bring out the equines and try their fleetness and while the racing was going along without a jar, the good ladies were busy as bees at the house preparing for the ever recurring appetite and in this they acquitted themselves in a manner to draw encomiums from the most fastidious. In fact the tables were loaded with all the good fruits and vegetables of this fertile valley with many of the luxuries of the outside world. And after all—including the natives—had been served most bountifully, better and faster horses were brought out and an hour spent in trying to find which had the fleetest horse. The day being then far spent, according to previous arrangements all those inclined to trip the light fantastic repaired to the residence of Mr. Geo. W. Richards where the night of the 4th of July, 1889, was spent most agreeably.

A. A. M.

"Will you please give me something to eat?" said the tramp. "We have nothing for you to-day," said the housewife. "I am sorry," said the tramp, "for it will not be convenient for me to call to-morrow." The New Home Sewing Machine Co.'s agents are not like the tramp, for they will make it their business to call to-morrow if you will only drop a hint that you are thinking of buying a New Home Sewing Machine.

The bonded debt of the United States is, in numbers, only \$900,000,000. At the present rate of redemption it will be all paid in nine years before the 4 per cents become due.

A diamond field is reported to have been discovered near Melen, Mont.

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